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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Tulare County Association of Governments' (TCAG) 2006/07 - 2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	<b>Transit Element</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modifies the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program, by programming seven projects in Fiscal Year 2006/07. These are projects that had not been carried forward from the 2004 FTIP. This amendment also adds three additional years of funding to project TUL06-259, City of Porterville, Transit Operations.</li><li>• Makes technical corrections to the FTA Section 5307 Grant Program by correcting typographical errors in three projects.</li></ul>

See Enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 1 for inclusion into California's 2006/07 - 2008/09 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming has been found by TCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations, and satisfy the requirements of 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 93.126. As a result, no additional conformity determination is needed. The projects also conform to the applicable State Implementation Plans and meet all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450, and do not interfere with the timely implementation of any approved Transportation Control Measures and maintain the financial constraint of the 2007 FTIP. These projects are included and submitted by TCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. TCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Penny Gray, of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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